

REMARKS

Claims 20-35 are pending in this application. Claims 20, 21, 23-28, 34 and 35 are allowed. Claims 29-33 are cancelled.

The Examiner has objected claim 22 because of a typographical error. This error is corrected and this claim should be allowable.

Claims 29-33 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,782,594 to Muller.

Applicant has cancelled claims 29-33. This rejection should now be considered moot.

It is believed that all of the present claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

AUTHORIZATION

If the Examiner believes that issues may be resolved by telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned at (212) 801-2146. The undersigned may also be contacted by e-mail at ecr@gtlaw.com.

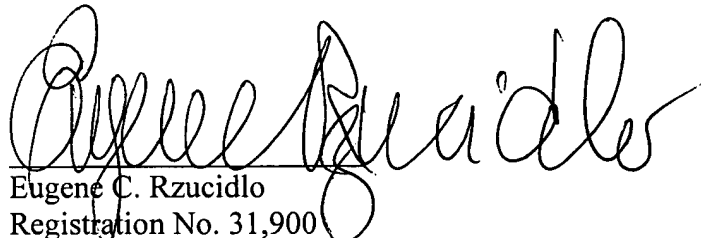
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PIECE AND WORK PIECE THAT IS PROVIDED WITH SUCH AN AUXILIARY JOINING ELEMENT

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